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<b>STATE OF TEXAS</b>	)	<b>IN THE</b>
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<b>AND</b>	)	<b>COUNTY COURTS OF LAW</b>
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<b>COUNTY OF TRAVIS COUNTY</b>	)	<b>HANDLING CRIMINAL CASES</b>

**STANDING ORDER TO RELEASE ARRESTEES  
AFTER COUNTY ATTORNEY’S OFFICE REJECTS CHARGES**

In the interest of justice and fairness for all persons arrested for misdemeanor crimes, the Travis County Court at Law Judges have determined that if the prosecuting agency responsible for pursuing misdemeanor criminal charges against arrested persons does not wish to prosecute, the arrested persons shall be released from the Travis County Central Booking Facility (“CBF”) as described in this Standing Order.

The Travis County Attorney’s Office, the agency responsible for prosecuting misdemeanors in Travis County, has established a method to review probable cause affidavits, and in certain cases, reject charges. After notification of that rejection occurs, the Travis County Sheriff’s Office should no longer hold the arrestees.

The Travis County Attorney’s Office will review probable cause affidavits for misdemeanor charges brought to the CBF by arresting agencies in Travis County. After conducting a thorough review, if the Assistant County Attorney determines, in their discretion, to reject the charge(s) listed in the affidavit, indicating that the prosecutor does not wish to pursue criminal charges against the arrested person, the Assistant County Attorney will provide notice of rejection to the Travis County Sheriff’s Office personnel.

IT IS ORDERED by the undersigned judges that all persons in custody on misdemeanor charges rejected by the Travis County Attorney’s Office, and meeting the above conditions, shall be released on any charge the State has rejected from the CBF by Travis County Sheriff’s Office personnel immediately upon notification of the rejection. This Order functions in all cases where the prosecutor has submitted their rejection of charges as a release card.

A copy of this Standing Order shall be transmitted to the Sheriff of Travis County. This Order is effective immediately.

SIGNED AND ORDERED AND ENTERED THE 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.

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JUDGE ELISABETH EARLE

Local Administrative Statutory County Court Judge

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